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**CONCLUSION**

Based on the foregoing, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider, and on reconsideration to withdraw, the restriction requirement imposed against claims 1-21 in the December 14, 2005 Office Action<sup>1</sup>, and to submit all claims 1-21 to examination on the merits.

If any additional issues remain, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at (919) 419-9350 to discuss same, in order that the prosecution of this application is expedited.

Respectfully submitted,



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<sup>1</sup> If, despite the compelling basis for withdrawal of the restriction requirement, such restriction requirement is nonetheless maintained and made final, applicant affirmatively requests rejoinder of claims 12-21 under the applicable rejoinder provisions of MPEP §821.04 upon confirmation of allowable subject matter in the Group I claims 1-11.